

**ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT
HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL**

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep translocation		Project No.
Region/GMU: Regions 1, 2 and 5	HPC:	
Project Type: Translocation		
Project Description: Survey Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in Units 27 and 28, capture and translocate up to 32 into Unit 6A to augment the West Clear Creek herd.		
Wildlife Species to Benefit: Bighorn sheep		
Possible Funding Partners: SBGTF, ADBSS		
Implementation Schedule: Beginning: October 2008 Completed: November 2008		

PROJECT FUNDING

SBG Funds Requested: \$30,000
Cost Share Funds: \$20,000
Total Project Costs: \$50,000

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Applicant: Brian Wakeling (please print) Telephone: 602-789-3385	Address: Arizona Game and Fish Department Game Branch 2221 West Greenway Road Phoenix, AZ 85023
AGFD Contact and Phone No. (If applicant is not AGFD personnel)	
Coordinated with: Regions 1, 2, and 5	Date:
Applicant's signature:	Date:

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

**Game Branch
2221 W. Greenway Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85023
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NEED STATEMENT/PROBLEM ANALYSIS:

Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep continue to be available from Units 27 and 28 to augment recent releases into West Clear Creek. However, the source population needs to be surveyed before a capture can occur so that we do not impact the source population or ongoing hunts. West Clear Creek has received 2 prior translocations of about 30 bighorn sheep each, and the population seems to be doing well. This is the last planned translocation into West Clear Creek.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Move up to 32 Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep from Eagle Creek and the Phelps Dodge Mine area into West Clear Creek.

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

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PROJECT LOCATION:

LAND OWNERSHIP AT PROJECT SITE (Please state specifically if PRIVATE PROPERTY and provide landowner's name):

Largely national forest, although some may come from the Phelps Dodge mine property.

IF PRIVATE PROPERTY, IS THERE A STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LANDOWNER AND THE DEPARTMENT?

An access agreement is negotiated annually as part of the coordination with Phelps Dodge. This has been accomplished for the past 2 years.

HABITAT DESCRIPTION:

Steep rocky slopes along Eagle Creek drainage.

ITEMIZED USE OF FUNDS:

Helicopter survey (8 hours plus ferry) = \$7,000
Helicopter capture (16 hours plus ferry) = \$15,000
Radio collars (10) = \$3,000
Vet and supplies = \$5,000
Total = \$30,000

LIST COOPERATORS AND DESCRIBE POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION:

ADBSS and other volunteers for labor
ADBSS funding

PROJECT MONITORING PLAN:

Pre capture survey to determine availability of animals
Post release monitoring monthly for 3 months with fixed wing aircraft, quarterly surveys for 1 year, and twice annual monitoring until radio failure.

PROJECT MAINTENANCE:

PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT TO BE FILED BY:

Game Specialist in receiving region (Region 2) as part of performance reporting.

WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (see attached worksheet):

TREE SHEARING (AGRA-AXE, PUSH) PROJECTS (see attached worksheet):